



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

September 25 – 6:30 PM Economic Development
Commission 3316 Faith Church Road

September 29– 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

September 30 – 7:00 PM Common Area Planning Task
Force

October 14 – 7:00 PM Public Hearing on Flood Ordinance
and FEMA Flood Maps followed by Council Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)

SEPTEMBER 24, 7:00 PM, 3603 RUTH ST

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK SAGES

OCTOBER 10, 5:00 PM, AT CAPTAIN'S GALLEY

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

OCTOBER 20, 6:30 PM, TOUR OF 3 LOCAL GARDENS, GUESTS WELCOME

LAKE PARK FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 11, 10:00 AM, TOWN CENTER PARK

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 6:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

ANNUAL LAKE PARK CHILI COOK-OFF

NOVEMBER 1, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK HOA MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

Tax Notices

Due to a mistake by the printer for the Village Tax Notices, all homeowners received a tax bill even if the property taxes are collected in escrow by a mortgage company. For residents with escrowed taxes, this bill may be ignored. However, if you did not receive a bill, contact the Village Clerk at (704) 882-VOLP as soon as possible. Even if you do not receive a bill, you are still responsible for paying the full amount and any late fees.

September Council Meeting

Highlights from September 9 Meeting

The Council meeting opened with the normal time for public comment. One resident voiced concern over the tennis courts being reserved for clinics. The Parks and Recreation Commission representatives mentioned that they are reserved the courts for 10 weeks from 3-6 PM on Mondays. Several questions surfaced regarding this action. The Commission said that they will be clarifying the policy regarding the courts in the near future.

Chuck Denny, presented to the village an effort his father, Garland, started to request that Congress establish government bonds, stamps and coins to pay for care for our veterans. He is asking for support from the council via a resolution and assistance from the residents to sign an online petition. Further information and the petition can be found at their website, www.veteranspetition.com.

Sandra Coughlin announced that the Vintage Condominiums will be offered recycling service. Up to now, these residents did not have the option of curbside recycling. The additional service will be added while staying within the budgeted amount for waste collection. Additionally, Ms. Coughlin told the council about a solid waste tax already being collected. The intent is to distribute these funds to municipalities with garbage collection and recycling. So Lake Park may be eligible for this additional revenue stream.

The Council discussed a flood ordinance that will enable residents to purchase flood insurance if they desire. This ordinance will be presented in a public hearing prior to the October Council Meeting.

The Council is considering several ways to address the abandoned construction sites around the town center.

The Village Attorney is looking at options that the village may pursue to address this unsightly issue.

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For Your Information

Fall Cleanup Suggestions

Waste Collection is one of the most injury prone occupations. Please prevent putting our crews at risky by overloading the rollout cart.

CLEAR TRASH BAGS: Action requests that most fine yard debris (like grass clippings, pruning bits and pulled weeds) be curbed in CLEAR plastic trash bags, not inside rollout carts.

NOTE: Yard waste should never be deposited in a swell. These areas are critical for proper storm water drainage. Depositing waste in the swells will impede proper drainage and will allow this waste to reach our ponds and surrounding creeks and rivers.

BUNDLED YARD DEBRIS: Heavier debris (sticks, branches, dead shrubs) must be cut into 4' lengths (or shorter) and tied in small bundles. Branches thicker than 4" will damage the compactor trucks. Split thicker branches to less than 4" diameter.

PIZZA BOXES: These belong in the cart, not the recycle bin.

New Construction in Lake Park

Many residents have been wondering about the construction occurring at the corner of Faith Church and Unionville/IT Road. Children's Lighthouse Learning Center is building their second North Carolina location at this site.

Villager Guidelines

As a reminder to all residents, here are the guidelines for the *Villager* that have been published in November 2005 and again in April 2007:

- The purpose of the Villager is to serve as a communications tool between the Lake Park government and the citizens of the village.
- The *Villager* is the official municipal newsletter of the Village of Lake Park. As such, it can contain no advertising of private establishments. (Note: articles will be allowed that refer to the businesses in general in Lake Park.)
- The council will accept non-municipal entries for Lake Park activities in the "Calendar of Events" on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once the space allocated is filled, no others will be allowed. Non-municipal entries can be submitted to Greg Crosby to include on the "Local Announcements" page on www.lakeparknc.gov.

How to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

Little things that we do around our house can have a big impact on the ponds within the Village and the delicate aquatic ecosystems surrounding Lake Park. Here are ways that you can prevent runoff pollution from your home:

- ✓ Repair auto leaks
- ✓ Clean up vehicle spills
- ✓ Pick up pet waste
- ✓ Limit the amount of impervious surface on your property
- ✓ Direct runoff from impervious surfaces to vegetated areas.
- ✓ Do not dump hazardous substances such as used oil, household chemicals, yard waste, fertilizer and other waste onto pavement or into storm drains.
- ✓ Compost your yard waste
- ✓ Plant vegetation in bare spots in your yard.
- ✓ Prevent excess runoff of pesticide, fertilizer and herbicides by using them properly and efficiently.
- ✓ Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors.

New Sidewalk

Union County recently completed building a new sidewalk on Lake Park Road. After taking ownership of Fred Kirby Park, they agreed to build curb and gutter for the Village. However, since this would force the Village to put curb and gutter on the opposite side of the road with no benefit to the Village, the county agreed to build a sidewalk instead. The County also paid Lake Park the difference in the cost of the sidewalk and the promised curb.